



Media Advisory

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Significant improvements to Washington Park Arboretum coming in partnership with SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program

WHAT: Press conference announcing multi-million dollar improvements to Washington Park Arboretum as part of an SR 520 mitigation agreement between the Arboretum and Botanical Garden Committee (ABGC) and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)

WHEN: 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 24

WHERE: Graham Visitor's Center, Washington Park Arboretum, 2300 Arboretum Dr. E,

WHO: Jack Collins, Chair, ABGC; Christopher Williams, Acting Superintendent, Seattle Parks and Recreation; Lisa Graumlich, Dean, University of Washington College of the Environment; Paige Miller, Executive Director, Arboretum Foundation; Julie Meredith, SR 520 Program Director, WSDOT

VISUAL ELEMENTS: Designs of upcoming changes to the Arboretum; the infamous "ramps to nowhere" slated for removal

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The ABGC advises the University of Washington, City of Seattle, Arboretum Foundation and State of Washington on the management of the Washington Park Arboretum and oversees its capital projects.